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Sen. Hardiman praises GVSU for keeping tuition in check

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Lansing — Sen. Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood) praised Grand Valley State University President Mark Murray's recommendation today to keep the institution's tuition increase at the rate of inflation, or 2.4 percent.

"President Murray's move is good news for the university's students, graduating high-school seniors and Michigan taxpayers," said Hardiman, who serves on the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. "As a GVSU alumnus, I'm proud to see the university has committed itself once again to making high-quality education available and affordable to Michigan residents."

Murray announced today he would ask the university's Board of Trustees to keep the increase of next year's in-state, undergraduate tuition at 2.4 percent, meaning \$67 more than this year. A full-time, in-state freshman would be charged \$2,891 a semester.

The GVSU board will consider Murray's recommendation Feb. 13. The recommendation comes after the governor renewed the Senate Republicans' call for keeping tuition increases at no more than the rate of inflation.